Application No. 09/885,495
Response to Office Action of January 19, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for selling ~~marketable assets~~ automobiles over a computer network comprising:

storing a listing of ~~re-sellable assets~~ automobiles owned by a ~~third-party asset owner on a secure computer~~ rental car company and available for sale, the automobiles available for rental while listed;

~~sending a subset of the listing to a client computer based on a search inquiry;~~

making the listing of automobiles available over the computer network; and

receiving a buy request for ~~at least one of the assets from the client computer~~ an automobile from the listing of automobiles.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a buy request comprises receiving a winning bid in an auction ~~from the client computer~~.

3.   Cancelled

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of ~~sending a subset of the listing comprises sending a subset of the listing to a kiosk~~ receiving a buy request comprises receiving a buy request from a buyer at a kiosk.

5-8.   Cancelled

9.   (Currently Amended) A system for selling ~~marketable assets comprising~~ rental cars over a computer network comprising:

a server operable to:

store a listing of ~~re-sellable assets owned by a third-party asset owner~~ rental cars available for sale but still available for rental;

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~~send a subset of the listing to a client computer based on a search inquiry~~ provide at least part of the listings of rental cars to a buyer; and

    receive a buy request for ~~at least one of the re-sellable assets from the client computer~~ a rental car from the listing of rental cars available from the buyer.

10.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the buy request is a <u>winning</u> bid in an auction ~~from the client computer~~.

11.   Cancelled

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~client computer is~~ buyer is using a kiosk <u>to view the listing of the rental cars</u>.

13-18. Cancelled

19.   (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
    receiving a search request from a buyer; and
    returning a subset of the listing of automobiles satisfying the search request.

20.   (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of making the listing available over the computer network further comprises making the listing of automobiles available over the Internet.

21.   (New) A method for selling leased automobiles over a computer network comprising:
    storing a list of automobiles available for sale, the automobiles owned by a leasing company and the automobiles placed on the listing prior to the expiration of the lease;
    making the listing of automobiles available over the computer network;
    receiving a buy request for an automobile in the listing of automobiles; and
    finalizing the sale of the automobile.

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22.   (New)   The method of claim 21 wherein the step of receiving a buy request further comprises receiving a winning bid in an auction.

23.   (New)   The method of claim 21 further comprising receiving a buy request from a buyer using a kiosk.

24.   (New)   The method of claim 21 further comprising the steps of:
         receiving a search request from a buyer; and
         returning a subset of the listing of automobiles satisfying the search request.

25.   (New)   The method of claim 21 wherein the step of making the listing available over the computer network further comprises making the listing of automobiles available over the Internet.

26.   (New)   The system of claim 9 wherein the server is further operable to:
         receive a search request from the buyer; and
         return a subset of the listing of automobiles fulfilling the search request.